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Waste tracked at base

Firm working at Carswell

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A private engineering firm began reviewing records and interviewing employees Monday as part of a five-day search for inactive hazardous waste disposal sites at Carswell Air Force Base.

The survey is being conducted by CH2M Hill, an engineering firm based in Corvallis, Ore. Under a \$41,800 Air Force contract, company investigators will search base records and interview former base employees, contractors or others who may know about past disposal practices at Carswell, Air Force officials said.

The search team, dispatched from CH2M Hill's regional office in Gainesville, Fla., also will contact federal, state and local government offices, including the city and state health departments, base officials said.

"They've just barely gotten into it," said Air Force spokesman Maj. Bob Lake. "I have no idea if anything has surfaced."

Air Force officials have requested that people who know about past disposal practices at Carswell contact base environmental engineer Steve Sanders at 735-6273.

A final report on CH2M Hill's findings will be released by the end of January, officials said.

Air Force officials said 134 of its 143 bases will be surveyed during the next few years. Fifty-three surveys have been completed, and 28 are in progress.

Last month, Carswell officials said low concentrations of a hazardous industrial solvent were found in one of four water-monitoring wells at the nearby General Dynamics plant.

The plant draws its drinking water from Fort Worth, and all water wells supplying White Settlement are free of contaminants. White Settlement and Air Force officials said

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